

REMARKS

Claims 10-16 are pending. Claim 10 is the only independent claim. Claims 2-7 and 9 have been cancelled without prejudice. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Support for new claim 10 can be found, inter alia, in the specification at page 10, lines 13-18 and at Figure 4. Support for new claims 11 and 12 can be found, inter alia, in the specification at page 10, line 13 to page 11, line 10. New claims 13 to 16 correspond substantially to original claims 4 to 7, respectively, but with somewhat modified terminology.

Claims 2-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,466,202 (Suso et al). The cancellation of the rejected claims renders their rejection moot. Applicants submit that new independent claim 10 and the claims dependent thereon are patentable for at least the following reasons.

Amended independent claim 10 is directed to a folding portable communication unit. The unit includes: a first cabinet; a second cabinet, the first cabinet and the second cabinet being supported by a hinge so as to be rotatable around the hinge; a first key unit situated on an obverse surface of the first cabinet or the second cabinet and from which a user inputs first data; a second key unit situated on a rear cover of the first or second cabinet and from which the user inputs second data in a case that the first cabinet and the second cabinet are folded in a closed position; a first display situated on an obverse surface of the first cabinet and which displays first information; a second display situated on a rear surface of the first cabinet or the second cabinet and which displays second information, the second information being viewable by the user in a case that the first cabinet and the second cabinet are folded in the closed position; a common display driver operable to drive both the first display and the second display; and a control unit operable to make the common display driver decide which of the first display and the second display is to be used. The folding portable communication

unit is operable to permit verbal telephone communication only in a case that the first cabinet and the second cabinet are in an open position.

By virtue of the recited features, e.g., the simplified LCD (e.g., 26) and the LCD (e.g., 20) can be driven by a single LCD driver, which reduces the mounting area as well as power consumption.

The Examiner stated, in the Continuation Sheet that was attached to the June 21, 2006 Advisory Action, that “Suso does disclose that the first and second displays 10, 11 are driven by a common driver (CPU) (See col.5 lines 13-46, col.7 lines 1-5)”. Applicant disagrees, and submits that Suso fails to teach or suggest that the first and second displays 10, 11 are driven by a common driver.

First, a person having ordinary skill in the art would generally consider that *CPU's are incapable of driving a display*, although they are capable of controlling a display driver. In fact, Suso does not disclose that the CPU *drives* the first and second displays 10, 11, or that a specific CPU is used which is capable of driving a display.

Namely, Suso states “[w]hen an image is displayed on such a multi-colored liquid crystal display part 11, *a CPU* incorporated in the inner casing 4 *controls* the display of the image with the use of a frame memory.” (Col.5 lines 29-32. Emphasis added). Suso also states that “*the CPU* incorporated in the portable information communication terminal unit *controls* the reversal of the information of the indication in accordance with an operation of the opening and closing detection switch 21.” (Col.7 lines 1-5. Emphasis added).

Second, a person having ordinary skill in the art would generally consider that different kinds of display drivers are needed for different displays. Therefore, it will be assumed by the person having ordinary skill in the art, absent any particular teaching to the contrary, that the first and second displays 10, 11 in Suso need different kinds of display drivers.

For at least the foregoing reasons, and contrary to the position taken in the Office Action and in the Continuation Sheet of the Advisory Action, Suso does not teach or suggest that the first and second displays 10, 11 are driven by a common driver.

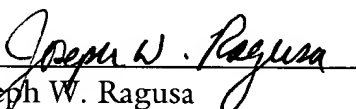
Thus, the invention as recited in claim 10 and its dependent claims 11-16 is not anticipated by Suso at least because Suso fails to teach or suggest "a common display driver which is operable to drive both the first display and the second display" as defined in claim 10.

The other claims in this application are each dependent from the independent claim discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual consideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance, and its entry is therefore requested. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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